Dear Charles,

1/31/83

I'm glad you understand that you are not the only one who did something wrong with fire.

As you grow older, which really means as you have more personal experience and observe the personal experiences of others, you will come to see that there is almost nothing, right or wrng, that begins with any one of us.

Mistakes are the most educational experiences of our lives, if we learn from them. Not that anyone should make mistakes. But we all do. They are a total waste if we do not get from them what we can, what they can teach us.

Please do not think that I said we like your lively paper only because your father's children turn it out. I said it because we do, because you young people do a very good job with it, and because even though we do not know those about whom you write, we find your paper is interesting.

I share you hope that we can meet soon. I'd like to see the young people who do so well.

Sincerely,